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SUBJECT: THAI GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
ON U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

THE FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS OF PM KRIANGSAK AND RESPONSES
VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE MAY 5, AS RECOMMENDED IN MY MEMO
TO HIM AND CLEARED WITH GLADSON, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS:

1. WATER MANAGEMENT - THE PRIME MINISTER MENTIONED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON WATER RESOURCE AVAILABILITY. THEY WISH A \$1 MILLION GRANT TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE ON GROUND, SURFACE, AND RAINFALL WATER RESOURCES, PRIOR TO PLANNING MANAGEMENT OF THESE SUPPLIES.

2. YOU MAY INFORM THE PRIMEMINISTER: THAT USAID-BANGKOK WILL BE HAPPY TO SUBMIT A PROJECT PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS REQUEST. USAID WILL NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS APPLICATIONS OF THIS SURVEY INFORMATION. AID USUALLY FUNDS SUCH STUDIES ON A LOAN BASIS;
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HOWEVER, WE WILL CONVEY YOUR REQUEST FOR A GRANT.

3. SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY - THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFER. THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ADVANCED THEIR THINKING ON THIS QUESTION AND HAVE A SURVEY AND CONCEPT ALREADY DEVELOPED, SO THAT A U.S. SURVEY TEAM MAY NOT BE NEEDED.

4. YOU MAY INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER: THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE WORK ALREADY ON THIS SUBJECT. IT WOULD HELP US TO HAVE A FAIRLY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF THEIR PLANS IN THIS AREA SO WE CAN CONSIDER WHAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CAN MOST USEFULLY ASSIST THEM WITH.

5. LANDSAT "C" - USAID-BANGKOK HAS BEEN WORKING VERY ACTIVELY WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT IN A TRAINING AND DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM. THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST DECIDED THAT IT NOW NEEDS TO MOVE TO PHASE II-PROCUREMENT OF A RECEIVING TERMINAL AND EQUIPMENT TO TRANSLATE SATELLITE SIGNALS INTO MEANINGFUL MAPS AND DATA.

6. USAID INFORMS ME THAT NASA HAS A FIRM POLICY PRECLUDING PROVISION OF SUCH HARDWARE TO OTHER COUNTRIES WITH USG FUNDS.

7. YOU MAY INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER: (A) WE HAVE SUCH A POLICY LIMITATION ON HARDWARE; BUT (B) THAT USAID-BANGKOK XJAN INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT IN DETAIL OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES WHICH THE USG CAN PROVIDE IN THIS FIELD.

8. RAINFED CROP EXPANSION - AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, DR. KRACHUNG OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUNTHON'S OFFICE ASKED IF USAID COULD ASSIST WITH APPLICATION OF RAINFED CROP PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES ON AN EXTENSIVE BASIS. USAID DIRECTOR MR. GLADSON INFORMS ME THAT USAID ALREADY HAS SUCH AN APPLICATION PROJECT UNDERWAY BUT WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THIS EFFORT WITH DR. KRACHUNG.

9. YOU MAY INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER: (A) OF DR. KRACHUNG'S REQUEST; AND (B) THAT USAID DIRECTOR GLADSON WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS REQUEST IN DETAIL WITH DR. KRACHUNG.

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